

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Paragraph [0026] of the Specification, as listed in the published application 2007/0122765 A1, with the following paragraph written in amendment format, with underlined and/or bracketed text indicating insertions and strikethrough and/or double brackets indicating deletions.

[0026] A dental instrument 1 in accordance with the present invention comprises a mirror 2 and a suction device 3. The suction device 3 has an inlet 4 through which liquid emanating from the patient's oral cavity is sucked up during active use of the instrument 1. The part of the suction device 3 that is used in the patient's cavity consists of a tubular suction nozzle, which could either be straight (see for example FIG. 2) or somewhat curved (see FIG. 4) for adaptation to the configuration of the area of the cavity where it is to be used. The suction nozzle of the suction device 3 has a shape in the area of its inlet 4 such that said inlet extends at an angle to the lengthwise extension of the suction nozzle. Like the curve of the suction nozzle also the angle could be adapted to the configuration of the area of the cavity where the instrument 1 is to be used. The reflecting face 5 of the mirror 2 is turned away from the suction nozzle and from the inlet 4 of said nozzle. The mirror 2 extends like a flange outwardly away from the inlet 4 and encloses the entire inlet 4. An opening forming the mouth 6 of the suction device 3 passes through the reflecting face 5 of the mirror 5. The mirror 2 is attached tightly to the inlet 4 preventing any liquid from being sucked into the instrument 1 behind the mirror. FIGS. 1 and 2 show an embodiment according to which the mirror 2 is connected to the inlet by means of a frictional coupling 7. The frictional coupling 7 extends like a sleeve from the mirror 2 so as to project into the interior of the inlet 4. In accordance with another embodiment illustrated in FIG.

3, the mirror 2 instead consists of a flat reflecting face 5, which is attached to an inlet 4, the latter being enlarged so as to present a seat to which the mirror 2 may be attached. The seat may be pressed outwards and be widened somewhat in its circumferential direction as pressure is being exerted thereon, in order to accommodate the mirror 2. Once the mirror 2 is in place, the seat resumes its original shape and keeps the mirror 2 in place through the use of fastening brackets 8. In a corresponding manner, the mirror 2 may be released by the seat being again pressed outwards, allowing the mirror to be removed 2. In this manner, mirrors 2 of different sizes and/or shapes may be used, according to need.

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